

Arsenal Officials Meet At Charlestown, Ind. Plant

Better, safer and cheaper methods of packaging and handling military explosives in 10 government-owned arsenals and powder works is the main purpose of an ammunition conference being held Dec. 8 and 9 at Indiana Arsenal near Charlestown.

Hosts for the meeting are Col. Kelly H. Lewis, arsenal commander, and W. M. Donaldson, plant manager for the Dupont company. Du Pont operates the powder-making part of Indiana Arsenal under a fixed-fee contract with the Army Ordnance Corps.

IN ATTENDANCE at the conference are about 50 officers, executives and technicians from nine other ammunition installations of the Army Ordnance Corps. Chairman of the group is Kenneth S. Macy of the Ordnance Ammunition Center at Joliet.

This week's meeting here is part of a program that extends thru the entire ammunition-making section of the Ordnance Corps—the free, voluntary exchange of ammunition methods

and “know-how” among all the companies which operate ammunition plants for the government, and the Ordnance Corps officers and civilians who work with them.

TO MAKE possible such exchange of information, Brig. Gen. E. W. Laidlaw, commander of the Ordnance Ammunition Center, has established a general committee on propellants and explosives, and another on ammunition loading and assembly. Each of these general committees has subcommittees devoted to certain products or certain aspects of operation. The group meeting here today and tomorrow is the “Subcommittee on Packaging and Materials Handling.” It is a part of the general committee on propellants and explosives. On January 12-13, the subcommittee on nitrocellulose production will also meet at Indiana Arsenal.

ORDNANCE Ammunition Center installations represented at this week's conference, in addition to Indiana Arsenal, are Sunflower Ordnance Works at Lawrence, Kansas and Radford Arsenal at Radford, Virginia, both operated by Hercules Powder company; Badger Ordnance Works at Baraboo, Wis., and Wabash River Ordnance Works at Newport, Ind., both operated by Olin Industries; Holston Ordnance Works at Kingsport, Tennessee, operated by Eastman Kodak Co.; The Kankakee Unit Joliet Arsenal at Joliet, Illinois, operated by U. S. Rubber Co.; and Volunteer Ordnance Works at Chattanooga, Tennessee, operated by Atlas Powder Co.

Other Ordnance Corps installations represented include Picatinny Arsenal at Dover, N. J., and Raritan Arsenal at Metuchen, N. J.